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TOBACCO GROWERS WILL FIX PRICES.

Resolution Urges Growers to Offer Only Better Grades and to Fix Minimum Figures.

Florence, July 22—Definite action as to what is best to be done to obtain relief from the situation created by low priced tobacco will be determined at the meeting of the Tobacco Growers' association of South Carolina in Florence Friday, July 29. The Warehousemen's association was asked by the indignation mass meeting here today to meet a committee from the growers' organization Saturday for the purpose of fixing a minimum price at which tobacco will be permitted to sell in this state. It was admitted that nothing was to be gained by demanding better prices and that control of the crop by the farmers themselves in the acreage and matter of marketing was the only avenue of relief. Farmers are urged in resolutions adopted to offer only the better grades, well cleaned and picked, and not to bring any tobacco whatever to market until after the meeting here next Friday when definite steps as to price will be taken for their guidance.

Speakers urged today that tobacco selling for two and three cents a pound was worth more as fertilizer. There were probably 100 present representing all lines of business, and while the meeting opened slow it developed into a pyrotechnical display later on. Some delegations from surrounding counties brought in reports of such bad feeling in some sections against the present low prices as to give rise to apprehension as to what might happen in some localities unless the people were brought to an understanding of all conditions. Discussion today was frank and free.

Nearly all of the principal markets were represented. Some telegraphed they were water bound. E. C. Epps, a banker of Kingstree, offered the following resolutions and they were adopted:

"Whereas citizens representing various tobacco markets in South Carolina, called together in mass meeting by the secretary of the tobacco association by request of certain local markets for the purpose of discussing the prevailing conditions of the present markets and the prices offered thereon, after due deliberations and thought, do hereby resolve and recommend the following suggestions as the only practical means and methods whereby more uniform and more satisfactory prices may be obtained.

"First: We recommend that farmers devote their best efforts towards harvesting and curing only better grades of tobacco and that the same be cleaned and picked before being offered for sale on the warehouse floors.

"Second: That all such tobacco receiving bids less than the price to be determined next Friday, to be withheld from sale and be used as fertilizer upon the farm on which grown.

"Third: We recommend that the warehousemen of the state refrain from bidding upon offers for sale, unless at least one bid is made by an authorized buyer not engaged in or in any way connected with the warehouse business.

"Fourth: That all tobaccos offered for sale that do not bring at least the fixed price be passed by the warehousemen and returned to the producer.

"Fifth: That the Warehousemen's association be and is hereby requested to call a meeting of all warehousemen in South Carolina in Florence Saturday, July 30, and at this time the said association together with a committee, which will be appointed from the growers' association which meets in Florence Friday, July 29, will fix a minimum price at which any tobacco will be permitted to sell in this state. That it is the sense of this meeting that the farmers throughout the state be encouraged as far as possible to withhold sales of tobacco from the warehouse floors until after the meeting of the State Growers' Association next Friday and the meeting of the Tobacco Warehousemen's association on Saturday, July 29 and 30, respectively."

Business Coming Back Slowly.

"The man who expects business to come back with a rush is fooling himself," remarked Mr. R. S. Rogers yesterday in conversation with a Herald man. "In my opinion," continued Mr. Rogers, "the tide has turned and from now on there will be a gradual improvement. Worrying over the present prices of tobacco is borrowing unnecessary trouble. The price will improve as the grades improve and two or three weeks from now the tobacco planter may be smiling. I have watched it year in and year out," observed Mr. Rogers, "and the country does not feel the effects of tobacco sales until along about the first of August. The banks would be the first to note an improvement, and even the banks do not see any improvement in July. The market opened ten days later this year and it will probably be about the 10th or 15th of August before we see much evidence of tobacco money."

The principal and teachers of the Dillon Colored School attended the State Normal School at Orangeburg this month, and took the full course.

An Unfortunate Church.

Pastor Gregg of the First Baptist church, colored, made an unusual announcement in last week's Herald. He notified the public that it was necessary to tear down and rebuild their church building. The church has had a series of misfortunes. The colored Baptists of Dillon have always been weak in numbers but strong in the spirit. Years ago when the congregation was much smaller than it is today a few of the faithful got together and erected the present church building. Many members who could not contribute money gave their labor freely while others made contributions in the form of building material. But the church was erected and happy was this small handful of Baptists when they began to worship under their own vine and fig tree. But ere long misfortune came. A heavy wind storm swept over the community and tore away part of the church building. Undaunted the congregation went to work and repaired the damage done by the elements. Once more they settled down to worship regularly every Sunday and the members were happy and contented. But following close on the heels of the first came a second misfortune. During an electric storm lightning struck the church and tore away the steeple and part of the roof. Once more did the congregation go to work industriously and repair the damage done by the elements. But scarcely had the second misfortune been overcome when again lightning struck the steeple doing considerable damage to the building, and a few weeks ago steeple was struck the third time and the church suffered considerable damage. The ignorant and superstitious began to look upon these misfortunes with feelings of awe. It was a warning from above that all was not well with the church and its people, and the Lord was manifesting his displeasure in a strong and convincing way. But such was not the case. The colored Baptists were united in every movement for the rebuilding of their church. So they got together and decided to tear down the old building and rebuild the church from the bottom. Why this church should have been singled out by the elements as the particular object of their anger is explained probably by the fact that owing to the construction of neighboring buildings strong air currents were directed toward the church building. Lightning follows the line of least resistance and when a descending bolt comes in contact with a swiftly moving current of air it is quite natural that the bolt should be influenced by the air current. There is nothing supernatural about the misfortunes the colored Baptist church has suffered from the forces of nature. On the other hand the causes are perfectly natural and would happen to any building located on the same spot.

Saved Girl's Home.

The subject under discussion was "money"—a subject which has for the past few months been discussed from every angle. "The only man I know of in this section who ought to have any cash money," remarked one of the gentlemen in the party, "is Rev. Baxter McLendon, the noted evangelist of Bennettsville. I understand that he has just closed a big meeting in Asheville and the people were so much enthused over the good work he did in the famous mountain city that they made big contributions at every meeting he held."

"That is true," replied Mr. Jas. Carmichael. "Baxter McLendon never finds any difficulty raising more than enough money to carry on his meetings and if he kept all the money the people gave him he would soon have more money than he would know what to do with, but he doesn't keep it. He is one of the biggest hearted men I ever knew and the world has no idea of the amount of charity work he does. He takes care of widows and orphans, buys clothes and food for the needy, and keeps for himself very little of what he receives. I heard of a big-hearted thing he did up here in a North Carolina town where he was carrying on a successful meeting. Among the substantial contributions at one of the services was a check for \$50 from a young girl who worked for a living. When the check was presented at the bank for deposit the cashier looked at it and turning to Mr. McLendon said: 'This girl is not able to make this contribution. We have a mortgage on her home for \$1700 and we are arranging to foreclose it today.' The evangelist studied a moment. 'Let me have that check back,' he said. 'Now hand me over that mortgage and charge the amount to my account.' The transaction completed, he took the cancelled mortgage and presented it to the girl. That is what Mr. McLendon does with his money," continued Mr. Carmichael. "If he kept it himself he wouldn't know what to do with it."

Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Gibson and children, Mrs. M. G. Bethea and daughters, Misses Mary, Sarah and Hettie, Messrs. John C. Bethea, Jr., and Roy Edwards and Mrs. John C. Bethea spent several days last week on the beach.

COMPLIMENTS COUNTY OFFICERS

Comptroller's Auditor Says Dillon Has Efficient Set of Officers.

Mr. Jones, representing the Comptroller General's office, who recently made a complete audit of the county's affairs, has filed his report and compliments the several officers very highly. Following are extracts from the report commenting in a general way upon the several offices:

(Mr. D. S. Allen.)
Books and Records.
The Auditor has prepared the tax duplicate with a remarkable degree of care and accuracy, and the abstracts furnished the Comptroller General are representative statements of the taxes and penalties levied. They are neat, accurate, and comply strictly with the law.

Tax Statement
We have carefully audited the duplicate and have no corrections nor criticisms to offer. On page two of this report we submit a condensed statement of all taxes and penalties charged to the treasurer on account of 1919 taxes. These amounts agree with those charged the treasurer in the annual settlement of June 30, 1920.

General Comments.
We beg to call attention to the fact that, in addition to diligently and efficiently performing the routine duties of his office, this officer has been instrumental in the passing of more than one bill of constructive legislation. For example, when the present Auditor took charge there were cases where one school district lay in more than one township. This makes no special difference except that there would be several Township Boards of Assessors passing on property in the same school district. Through the efforts and at the instigation of Mr. Allen this law has been changed so that no school district extends beyond the boundaries of the Township in which it is situated. This not only does away with a needless confusion of townships and school districts, but also greatly facilitates the work of the County Auditor as well as that of any accountant who may wish to check his accounts.

A second act for which the County Auditor is largely responsible is one relative to the Boards of Township Assessors. It has been customary to appoint so many men from a township regardless of the school district from which they came or the number of school districts in the township. The law as changed is that there be one representative from each school district, a more intelligent law by far. We refrain from further comments other than to commend this officer for his all-around ability and efficiency.

Office of Clerk of Court.
Mr. Sam McLaurin.
Books and Records.

We have made a general inspection of the records of this office, and find that the Clerk of Court is keeping all books required by law. His accounts and files are conveniently arranged and this officer's work as a whole appears to be satisfactory.

Fines and Licenses.
We submit on page 4 of this report, a statement showing the collections on account of fines, forfeitures and licenses as indicated by the books of this office, covering the period commencing July 1st, 1919 and ending June 7, 1921. We find that all money collected has been properly accounted for and promptly turned over to the Treasurer.

Trust Funds.
The amount of trust funds held by this office is very small, but we have checked and found correct his trust fund account, see page 5 for statement.

Office of County Commissioners.
Mr. J. H. McLaurin, Chairman,
Mr. J. B. Edwards, Clerk.

Books and Records.
We have carefully audited the books in this office and beg to report that they are well kept. All claims are systematically filed and are listed properly in the claim register. Separate accounts are carried in the ledger against the several items of appropriation as provided in the county supply bill. Claims are audited and verified before being approved for payment, a custom upon which too much stress cannot be placed. They are also drawn up and probated as required by law. As a general proposition this office is being conducted on sound business principles, and good records are being kept.

Office of Judge of Probate.
Mr. J. C. Davis

Books and Records
The Judge of Probate is keeping his records as the law requires, and all accounts are neat and accurate. All papers are systematically filed, and the whole work of the office is extraordinarily well systematized. Intelligent records of the proceedings of the Probate Court are being kept. We beg to state that we encountered no difficulty at all in checking this officer's records.

Marriage Licenses.
The law provides that the Judge of Probate in this County shall receive all revenue obtained from the sale of marriage licenses, therefore there are no funds to be checked from this account. Nevertheless, we have made a general inspection of the records of this office and find that the same are well kept and accurate.

WILD MAN AT LARGE.

Citizens of McColl Section Wrought up Over Tales of Wild Man.

"I cannot vouch for the accuracy of the story," said Rod Carmichael yesterday, "but there is much excitement in the McColl section over the report that a wild man of about size is at large between Tatum and McColl. I am simply repeating what I heard and want it distinctly understood that I am not the author of the stories, but the information comes from reliable sources that this giant makes a track 20 inches long and is supposed to be of huge proportions. He visited a farm house and went to the pump for a drink of water. The pump did not yield water freely and it is said he jerked the pump out of the ground and threw it over the house. He stalked through a man's peach orchard and with one twist pulled trees out of the ground and tossed them in the air. The children of the neighborhood are very much alarmed and will not venture out of doors after dark. A large crowd of automobilists were out the other afternoon following the tracks, but it is supposed the mystery giant disappeared into a swamp."

AUTO STRANGE SIGHT

There is hardly a spot on the face of the earth that does not know the automobile. Even in the remotest parts of Africa the automobile is known and it is no strange sight to see a machine plowing its way through jungle roads where the lion and leopard still hold sway. "But you would not think," remarked Mr. F. M. Niernise, "that within less than 100 miles of Dillon the automobile is a strange sight; yet it is a fact. A few days ago I went from here to Southport by way of automobile. Heretofore I had been going to this seashore resort by way of Wilmington where I took a steamer which landed me, after a long and tiresome journey at Southport. I knew the country back of Southport was undeveloped region, but I had no idea its inhabitants were so primitive.

Leaving Whiteville, N. C., you plunge into an almost endless forest. The roads—or trails as you would call them—break off in every direction like the ribs of a fan, and the only way you can travel this desolate region with any degree of safety is to get your bearings and hold to the straightest road. If you turn to the right or left you are lost. The natives live in a very narrow circle and they know practically nothing of how the roads run five miles away from where they reside. Automobiles do not travel this country and the self-propelled vehicle is a strange sight. I thought I had lost my way and stopped at a farm house to get some information. The man of the place came out and I asked him if I was going in the right direction to reach Southport. He stared at me for several seconds in dead silence, then said: "One of them got burned and scattered his home some time ago and I haven't been able to get 'em back yet." He was so interested in the automobile that I could not get him to give me any information as to the roads to follow into Southport and I left him and drove on to the next settlement where the natives seemed to be equally as ignorant of the courses and distances to other points."

TOBACCO CROP SHORT.

The tobacco crop this year promises to be the smallest since that of 1911. Last Friday's forecast of the department of agriculture placed this year's production at 933,000,000, which is more than one-third less than last year's record crop. The condition of the crop on July 1st, which was 71.9 per cent of normal was lower than it had been on that date in 21 years. It was 10.2 points below the ten year average condition on July 1st and 12.4 points below last year's July 1st average. An average acre yield of 687.3 pounds is forecast, almost 1000 pounds less per acre than was harvested last year.

Services at the Methodist Church.

Main Street Methodist Church, Dr. Watson B. Duncan, Pastor.
Sunday School at 10 A. M., Mr. W. H. Muller, Superintendent.
Preaching at 11 A. M. and 8:30 P. M. by the Pastor.
Morning Subject: "Parables By The Sea"; No. 6—"The Pearl of the Kingdom."
Evening Subject: "The Sins of the Tongue."
Junior Epworth League at 4 p. m., Miss Sarah Hargrove, President.
Prayer Service on Wednesday at 5 P. M.
Public cordially invited to all services.

his marriage license record and are pleased to report it in excellent condition. Licenses sold are listed in the register as required by the license laws are properly filed.

Trust Funds.
We have carefully audited all trust fund balances and find them correct in every detail. All money properly accounted for is reported in our detailed statement.

Poultry Breeder's Shows.

Charleston, July 26—The fifth annual show of the South Carolina Poultry Breeder's Association will be held in connection with the State Fair at Columbia, October 24 to 28, according to announcement made here today by B. E. Adams, president of the organization. Plans are under way to make this the largest show ever held by the South Carolina poultry breeders, said Mr. Adams, who is in touch with the poultry exhibitors throughout the Southeast.

All parts of the State are represented in the poultry association and it is believed by the officers that a large number of fine fowls will be shown at Columbia this fall. The directors of the organization, it was explained are taking an active interest in the matter and promise a full house when the curtain rises on the State Fair.

The following poultry fanciers are members of the board of directors:

L. C. Breeden, Bennettsville; A. K. McDowell, Charleston; T. D. Hooks, Columbia; J. M. Jordan, Greenville; Wendell M. Levi, Sumter; M. C. Stucky, Florence; R. R. Hickson, Cheraw; W. I. Isom, Spartanburg; G. G. McLaurin, Dillon; J. Wirron Wilson, Spartanburg and E. B. Adams, Charleston.

Harrison-Rogers.

There was a pretty home wedding at the home of Mr. G. R. Harrison last Thursday the 21st instant, when his only daughter, Miss Nettie, became the bride of Mr. Lacey Rogers. Preceding the ceremony a beautiful solo was rendered by Miss Caroline Shooter of Lumberton, accompanied on the piano by Miss Lanie Stephens. The bridal couple entered to the wedding march played by Miss Stephens, preceded by the maid of honor, Miss Roba Nettles, and the little ring bearer, Miriam Ford, and were married by Dr. Watson B. Duncan, the impressive ring ceremony being used. Following the marriage ceremony a delightful luncheon was served, and the young couple left immediately by automobile on their wedding journey. The bride is a very attractive and popular young lady and the groom is the efficient and accommodating carrier on Route No. 2. The Herald wishes them much joy and happiness.

DILLON HORSE WINS STAKE RACE.

Judge Joe Cabell Davis is wearing a smile that just won't come off. He has just received a wire from G. W. Cray who has charge of his horse, "Peter Silver" won the stake race of \$1600.00 at Wellston, Ohio, in three straight heats. This is the first Dillon owned horse to win a stake race and the many friends of "Peter Silver" and the Judge are highly gratified. From now Peter Silver will be a 2:20 trotter. It is pleasing to know that "Peter Silver" has not made a break since he left Belmont Park, Philadelphia, June 29th. We look for "Peter Silver" to win more of his stakes as he is entered in over \$5000.00 worth of stakes in Ohio, Kentucky and Georgia.

Boy Scout Notes, Troop No. 1.

Since the Boy Scout Troop was organized in April, we have made quite a bit of progress. Not all of the candidates have qualified as Tenderfoot Scouts, but we now have fifteen full fledged Tenderfoot Scouts. Those having passed these examinations are as follows: Joe Adams, Everett Hall, Tom Dillon, Jack Watson, Robert Oliver, Fred Bryant, Glenn Stackhouse, Cline Ramsey, Henry Johnson, Harry Hamer, William Flowers, Gerald Michaux, Eugene Hargrove, Elmer Hutchins, and Herbert Stark house. There are still five candidates that have not qualified.

At the last meeting in May the following leaders were elected: 1st. Patrol, Patrol Leader, Tom Dillon; Gerald Michaux, Asst. Patrol Leader; 2nd. Patrol, Patrol Leader, Joe Adams and Jack Watson, Asst. Patrol Leader.
Everette Hall was elected Troop Scribe.

Most of the meetings so far have been spent in learning the drills, instructional games, hikes, etc. On July 13 the troop took an over night hike to Hyatt's Landing under the leadership of Asst. Scoutmaster Ayers. Each scout prepared his own meals, thereby preparing himself to pass further examinations. The time was spent in playing games, swimming and drill. Though we had a heavy rain every one seemed to enjoy the trip.

We hope to soon have a strong troop of well trained and active scouts.

Everette Hall, Troop Scribe.

Invitation to Men.
Young men, you are cordially invited to join the Bible Class at the First Baptist church, Sunday school every Sunday at 10 o'clock. Let's all pull together and we will have a good class. Come and bring some one with you.

Albert Allen, President,
Earl J. Hayes, Reporter,
W. V. Jones, Teacher.

COUNTY NEWS.

Oak Grove.

Mrs. Etta Sue Sellers of the home demonstration department gave a demonstration on feed drinks last Thursday afternoon at Oak Grove, School house August the eleventh. She expects to have Mrs. Walker of Winthrop College "Mother" of the demonstration clubs in South Carolina and probably others engaged in the same line of work to address the people on that occasion. The patrons and friends of the Oak Grove school and all who are interested in the welfare of the community are cordially invited to be present and bring well-filled baskets, with the emphasis especially on the latter words.

It is hoped that the people of this community generally and any outside friends who care to do so will come out and help make this a profitable day.

Rev. J. L. Mullinix has called in his meeting at Bethlehem which was to have begun yesterday till the first Sunday in August. He will then be assisted by Rev. Mr. Lever who is to assist him at Bethesda in his meeting beginning next Sunday.

Miss Thelma Hayes is visiting relatives in Bennettsville.

S. W. Epps of Latta, County Farm Demonstration Agent was in this community one afternoon last week in the interest of his work.

Elbert Hayes and wife of Virginia have recently visited relatives of the former in this section.

A very heavy rain fell in this neighborhood early Saturday morning, owing to mauling the crops in places are beginning to show the effects of too much water.

Fork.

Mrs. Eugene Marley of Columbia is spending the week with her mother, Mrs. L. K. Bethen.

Miss Inez Hayes of Lake View spent last week with Mrs. Colon Edwards.

Mr. Lawton Carmichael of Greensboro, N. C., is home for a few days. Mrs. J. D. Carmichael and little daughter are visiting Mrs. Katie Roberts at Southport.

Mr. C. M. Taylor of Melrose, Va., is spending some time with Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Taylor.

Misses Iola Edwards of Mullins, and Margie Croxton of Kershaw are the guests of Mrs. L. M. Rogers.

Mrs. Colon Edwards entertained last Thursday afternoon with a miscellaneous shower in honor of Miss Emma Carmichael. As the guests arrived they were asked to register in the bride book which was presided over by Miss Inez Hayes. A trousseau chest was then opened by Mrs. N. S. Schellfield and Miss Thelma Rogers, showing the most tasteful, were awarded the prizes in a number of things which they presented to the bride. After refreshments were served consisting of brick oven and ribs, the bride was asked to go to the back porch and either in her washings, from a shower bath, suggested after the bride was nearly lonely and tired with the busy accounts of the reception were presented in such haste.

Miss K. M. Calhoun spent the week end at Florence with Miss Inez Calhoun.

The Herald would like to know if there is an undertaking in Dillon where the ages of 14 and 16 or 18 students who would like to learn the printing trade. The Herald has an opportunity in its office for a boy of this age to be employed, but the difficulty has been in finding the boy. The printing industry offers unusual opportunities to a boy of ambition and sticking qualities. Not only does it give a boy an opportunity to learn a trade that pays good wages, but it offers him an opportunity to educate himself while he is learning his trade. It offers no opportunities or inducements, however, to the careless, indifferent boy who has no ambition or no desire to improve his condition in life. A boy of this type will not succeed in any undertaking, but he has absolutely no chance in the printing profession. It is a profession in which carelessness is not tolerated. It calls for speed, skill and accuracy. Many of the nation's leading men began their careers in printing establishments. Lord Northcliff, the great English publisher, who yields more influence in world affairs than King Edward himself, began his career in a printing office. President Harding is a printer by trade and later became a publisher of some note in his home state. Gov. Cox of Ohio, who was the democratic nominee for the presidency last year, is another Ohio publisher who learned his trade in a printing office; Irvin Cobb, the world's greatest humorist, worked in a small printing office, in Kentucky. There are other boys working in printing establishments today who will be world wide figures tomorrow. If there is an ambitious boy in Dillon who is not afraid of work and who would like to learn a good trade and educate himself while he is learning it The Herald would like to talk to him.

Mrs. S. H. Turner and little daughter, Winnie Davis, of Hamlet are the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Jackson Monday and Tuesday.